

The Norman Conquest

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strength that a whole army could
hear it* He
was the Joseph of the sons of
Tancred, destined
to supplant his brothers and their
progeny,

Drogo received his brother well and
quartered
him in a castle at San Marco in the
valley of
Crati, on a spur of the Calabrian
Apennines,
where he commanded a band of
desperadoes and
lived the "life of a horse-thief."^a But
he soon
quitted the spot, and returned to join
in the con-
quest of Apulia, in company with
Girard, a Nor-
man whose sister Alberada he had
married. The
conquest of that province was
proceeding piece-
meal; in May, 1046, Drogo overthrew
the Catapan
near Taranto; almost all from Monte
Gargano to
Brindisi was his, A third brother,
Humfrey, was
with him; the young Guiscard soon
joined them,

Almost contemporary with Robert
there began
his career another of the Norman
stock, who was
destined to achieve a fame and
dominion great if
much inferior to Guiscard¹ s; this was
Richard, a
son of Asclettin and nephew of Rainulf
first Count
of Aversa, The two were more often
rivals than
Mends; the Hauteville dynasty which
Robert
founded, the ducal house of Capua

which Richard
established in a Norman line, were
pitted against
one another for close on a hundred
years, till the
nephew of Guiscard secured the
mastery over
Norman Italy for the house of
Hauteville.

* Anna Comnena, vol. I., p. 49, *Corpm
script, Mst, By**.

* Malatam, I., xvi, | Amatui, *Ystrin de li
Narmant*, iii., 7» ed*